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CLAIMS

1 A construction material for use as, or in, a wearing course, which comprises an agglomerate of granules of a thermoplastic elastomer.

5 2. A construction material according to Claim 1, wherein the granules are angular or multi-facet granules.

10 3. A construction material according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the granules have smooth surfaces.

4. A construction material according to Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the granules are substantially free from dust.

15 5. A construction material according to any of ~~Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein substantially all of the granules are in the size range from 0.5mm to 10mm.

20 6. A construction material according to Claim 5, wherein substantially all of the granules are in the size range from 1mm to 4mm.

25 7. A construction material according to ~~any of the preceding~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> claims, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a block copolymer.

8. A construction material according to Claim 7, wherein the

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B1,2* block copolymer is of the styrene type.

*a* 9. A construction material according to ~~any of the preceding~~  
*a 5* claims, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is one or more of:

a styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) block co-polymer.

a styrene-isoprene-styrene (SIS) block copolymer.

*10* a styrene-ethylene-butadiene-styrene (SEBS) block copolymer.

*15* *Claim 1*  
10. A construction material according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 7~~,  
wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a polyurethane,  
polyetherester, polyamide, polyetheramide or an elastomeric  
alloy.

*a* 11. A construction material according to ~~any of the preceding~~  
*a 20* claims, which includes a pigment.

*a* *14/5* *Claim 1*  
*a 21/2* 12. A construction material, according to ~~any of the preceding~~  
claims, wherein the granules are agglomerated together by means  
of a binder, for example a polyurethane binder.

*25* 13. A construction material according to Claim 12, wherein the  
binder substantially fills the interstices between the granules.

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*claim 1*  
14. A construction material, according to any of ~~Claims 1 to 14~~,  
wherein the granules are agglomerated together by having been  
melded together.

*claim 1*  
15. A granular thermoplastic elastomer suitable for use in the  
construction material of ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein the  
granules of thermoplastic elastomer are angular or multi-facet  
granules.

16. A granular thermoplastic elastomer according to Claim 15,  
wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a blend of a major  
proportion of polypropylene and a minor proportion of an  
ethylene-propylene copolymer, the blend being without any  
substantial amount of cross-linking.

17. A composition suitable for the preparation of a construction  
material as claimed in *claim 1* ~~any of Claims 1 to 14~~, the composition  
comprising:

(a) a first component comprising a granular thermoplastic  
elastomer; and

(b) a second component comprising a binding agent for the  
granules.

18. A composition according to Claim 17, wherein the binding  
agent is a polyurethane binder.

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19. A wearing course comprising a laid layer of a construction material as claimed in claim 1 or any of Claims 1 to 14.

5 20. A wearing course according to Claim 19, which has a thickness in the range 1cm to 10cm, especially 2cm to 6cm.

10 21. A wearing course according to Claim 19 or 20, wherein the construction material has been compacted after laying.

15 22. A wearing course according to Claim 19, 20 or 21, which has been laid in direct contact with the ground.

23. A wearing course according to Claim 19, 20 or 21, wherein said layer is supported by an underlying bulk layer.

20 24. A wearing course according to Claim 23, wherein the bulk layer comprises a rubber in granular form.

25. A wearing course according to Claim 24, wherein the granules of rubber have been agglomerated by means of a binder.

26. A wearing course according to Claim 23, wherein the bulk layer has a thickness of up to 10cm, especially from 2cm to 6cm.

25 27. A construction material according to Claim 1, substantially as described herein.

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28. A construction material substantially as described in any of the foregoing Examples.

5 29. A granular thermoplastic elastomer according to Claim 15, substantially as described herein.

30. A granular thermoplastic elastomer as described in any of the foregoing Examples.

10 31. A composition according to Claim 17, substantially as described herein.

15 32. A composition suitable for the preparation of a construction material as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 14, said composition being substantially as ~~described~~ in any of the foregoing Examples.

20 33. A wearing course according to Claim 19, substantially as described herein.

34. A wearing course substantially as described in any of the foregoing Examples.

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